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SUBJECT: MOMBASA PORT VISIT

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(C) USS HEPBURN 121640Z FEB 76, (D) USS HEPBURN 120455Z
FEB 76, (E) USNS PASSUMPSIC 120545Z FEB 76

1. (U) RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGED OF REF MESSAGES. REQUESTS
FOR TOURS BEING PASSED TO RHINO TOURS, WHOSE REPRESENTA-
TIVE WILL COME ABOARD ALL SHIPS ON FIRST DAY IN PORT TO
FINALIZE TOUR ARRANGEMENTS.

2. (U) IN REPLY TO REF A, SHIPPING AGENT IS ACTIVELY
WORKING ON HOTEL ROOM REQUEST. SHIPPING AGENT HAS BEEN
NOTIFIED OF NEED FOR APPOINTMENT WITH OPHTHAMOLOGIST AND
WILL ARRANGE.

3. (U) IN REPLY TO REF B, ACCOUNTING DATA SUPPLIED
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IS INCOMPLETE FOR ISSUANCE OF GTR BY EMBASSY. WE HAVE

CONFIRMED RESERVATION FOR MARTINEZ TO TRAVEL MOMBASA-NAIROBI VIA EC 902; DEPARTING 0820 LOCAL 20 FEB., ARRIVING NAIROBI 0910. UPON ARRIVAL IN NAIROBI HE CAN OBTAIN PASSPORT AT EMBASSY AND PRESENT SHIP'S TRANSPORTATION REQUEST DIRECTLY TO PANAM OFFICE. FYI, CAT Z FARE NAIROBI-NEW YORK IS \$539.70. MARTINEZ IS CONFIRMED TO LEAVE NAIROBI 1555 LOCAL 20 FEB. VIA PA 191, ARRIVING NEW YORK 0530 NEXT DAY. THIS IS FIRST U.S. FLAG CARRIER TRANSPORTATION TO CONUS AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL IN MOMBASA.

4. (U) IN REPLY REF C, WE WOULD PREFER CFJCPD AND HEPBURN TO MAKE FIRST ENTRY INTO HARBOUR BUT PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

SHOWS THAT HARBOUR AUTHORITIES HAVE A MIND OF THEIR OWN AND WILL DECIDE THIS QUESTION ON MORNING OF 17 FEB. KENYA NAVY WILL BE INTERESTED IN HAVING GARCIA AND HEPBURN ENTER FIRST IN ORDER TO MEET APPOINTMENTS FOR THEIR CO'S TO MAKE CALLS, AND THEY MAY BE HELPFUL IN IMPRESSING THIS POINT ON HARBOR AUTHORITIES.

5. (U) KENYA NAVY IS PLANNING TO HOST A SOCIAL FUNCTION FOR OFFICERS OF ALL SHIPS, AND HAS ASKED WHAT ENTERTAINMENT PLANS YOU HAVE. EMBASSY SUGGESTS CONSIDER THREE OPTIONS: COCKTAIL RECEPTION ASHORE IN EVENING OF 19 FEB., WARDROOM LUNCHEON 18 OR 19 FEB., OR BEACH PARTY TO INCLUDE KENYA NAVY. BEACH PARTY IDEA HAS NEVER BEEN TRIED, AND WE ASSUME YOUR ORIGINAL IDEA WAS TO HOLD PARTY FOR SHIP'S PERSONNEL ONLY, INCLUDING ENLISTED. KENYA NAVY ENLISTED HAVE NEVER BEEN INVOLVED IN U.S. NAVY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS, BUT THEY ALL SPEAK ENGLISH FAIRLY WELL AND MIGHT ENJOY BEING INVITED. IF THIS APPEALS TO YOU, WE WILL TRY THE IDEA OUT ON KENYA NAVY.

6. (C) WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONCURRENCE OF GARCIA IN PROVIDING COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES FOR AMBASSADOR DURING HIS STAY IN MOMBASA 18-20 FEB. THIS WOULD BE USED MAINLY FOR CLASSIFIED MESSAGES REQUIRING URGENT ATTENTION, PROBABLY NO MORE THAN A FEW EACH DAY. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE STORAGE SMALL VOLUME CLASSIFIED MATERIAL
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17-20 FEB. AN EMBASSY COMMUNICATOR WILL BE IN MOMBASA AND WILL ACT AS LIAISON BETWEEN SHIP'S COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AND THE AMBASSADOR. WE ARE DIRECTING THIS REQUEST TO GARCIA IN VIEW OF ITS ETD 21 FEB., WHEREAS OTHER SHIPS WILL LEAVE PORT BEFORE AMBASSADOR MARSHALL RETURNS TO NAIROBI.
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